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Glossary: Palestinian Child Detention

Words & Phrases	Definition
Child	Anyone under the age of 18 (under both Israeli civilian and military law).
Child detainee	A child held by Israeli forces against their will, whether taken from the house at midnight or held at a checkpoint for several hours.
Torture	An act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted for such purposes as obtaining information or a confession, exerting pressure, intimidation or humiliation.
Cruel or inhuman treatment	Acts which cause serious pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, or which constitute a serious outrage upon individual dignity. Unlike torture, these acts do not need to be committed for a specific purpose.
Humiliating or degrading treatment	Acts which involve real and serious humiliation or a serious outrage upon human dignity, and whose intensity is such that any reasonable person would feel outraged.
Ill-treatment	Can include torture, cruel or inhuman, or degrading treatment and acts. Ill-treatment is not a legal term.
Security offense	Offenses contained in Israeli Military Order 1651 Order Regarding Security Provisions, including throwing stones. To review offenses included in Military Order 1651, visit http://bit.ly/militaryorder1651
Security Prisoner	<p>The definition of a security prisoner derives from the nature and character of the offense and if it was committed against a security background or out of nationalistic motives. The classification determines the place of incarceration and the prisoner's rights.</p> <p>Security prisoners should be held in separate prisons and/or in separate wings of mixed prisons. Security prisoners are held in the following prisons: Ofer, Ketziot, Gilboa, Shita, Megiddo, Ohalay Kedar, Nafha, and Ramon. Security Prisoners are held in separate wings in the following prisons: Eshel, Shikma, Damon, Hasharon, Hadarim, Nitzan, and Ayalon.</p> <p>Prisoners and detainees are classified as <i>security prisoners</i> in accordance with the definition of "Security Prisoner" in Israel Prison Service Commission Ordinance No. 04.05.00. Generally, a "security prisoner" is one that is either charged with or suspected of committing an offense under Israeli military law, including Military Order 1651. To review offenses included in Military Order 1651, visit http://bit.ly/militaryorder1651</p>

Types of Ill-Treatment	Description
Beating	When hit with the fist or any other object, punched, slapped, banged against a surface or object.
Blindfolded	When deprived of sight by a piece of cloth around the head to cover the eyes.
Denial of access to showers	When denied access to showering facilities to clean and wash oneself, often for extended periods of time.
Denial of access to toilets	When denied access to toilet facilities for prolonged periods of time for the purpose of causing discomfort.
Denial of adequate food & water	When denied or deprived of sufficient levels of food and water to sustain oneself on a daily basis.
Exposure to heat/cold/rain	When exposed to the elements outside or placed in a cold or hot room inside.
Hand ties/Leg ties	Ties around the hands, either plastic or cuffs. Hands can be tied behind the back or in front/Ties around the ankles, or feet shackles.
Human shields	Intentional co-location of military objectives with civilians or persons not involved in hostilities with the specific intent of trying to prevent targeting of those military objectives. This is prohibited by customary international law. For more, visit http://bit.ly/icrchumanshields
Kicking	When hit with the feet.
Position abuse	When left in an uncomfortable or painful physical position for prolonged periods of time.
Sexual assault/Threats of sexual assault	When someone forces another to engage in unwanted sexual act through coercion or force for purpose of intimidation or humiliation./ Threats of rape, sexual assault with an object, etc.
Sleep deprivation	When forced to stay awake for prolonged periods of time causing exhaustion for the purpose of obtaining a confession or information.
Solitary confinement	When kept in isolation for prolonged periods of time.
Strip search	The forced removal of every item of clothing for the purpose of being subjected to a full body search.
Threats to self/family	Threats of imprisonment, physical assault, etc./ Threats of house demolition, canceling a parent's work permit, arrest, physical assault, etc.
Verbal abuse	Insults, shouting, derogatory statements, etc.